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Pursuant to 37 CFR 1.56, 1.97 and 1.98, Applicants hereby make the following documents of record in the above-identified application:

U.S. Patents

- (1) U.S. Patent No. 5797927, issued Aug. 25, 1998 to Yoon
- (2) U.S. Patent No. 5254126, issued Oct. 19, 1993 to Filipi et al.
- (3) U.S. Patent No. 5334199, issued Aug. 2, 1994 to Yoon
- (4) U.S. Patent No. 4935027, issued Jun. 19, 1990 to Yoon
- (5) U.S. Patent No. 5911727, issued Jun. 15, 1999 to Taylor
- (6) U.S. Patent No. 5458609, issued Oct. 17, 1995 to Gordon et al.
- (7) U.S. Patent No. 6454778, issued Sep. 24, 2002 to Kortenbach
- (8) U.S. Patent No. 5810851, issued Sep. 22, 1998 to Yoon
- (9) U.S. Patent No. 5891140, issued Apr. 6, 1999 to Ginn et al.

Foreign Patent Documents

- (10) European Patent No. EP 0121362 B1, published October 10, 1984 (Ethicon Inc.)
- (11) German Patent No. DE 2927143 A1, published January 24, 1980 (Cordis Corp)

Copies of documents 1-11 are enclosed herewith. Applicants respectfully request that these documents be fully considered by the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office during the examination of this application and printed on any patent which may issue on this application. Applicants also respectfully request that a copy of Form PTO-

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1449 (one page), as considered and initialed by the Examiner, be returned to the undersigned with the next communication.

It is believed that this disclosure complies with the requirements of 37 CFR 1.56, 1.97 and 1.98. If for any reason the Examiner considers otherwise, it is respectfully requested that the undersigned be contacted by the Examiner by telephone in order that any deficiencies may be expeditiously remedied.

A check in the amount of One Hundred Eighty Dollars (\$180.00) payable to the Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks also is enclosed herewith to cover the fee due in connection with this submission.

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